instalments to the Maulana Azad Education Foundation towards its coi pus fund, as per details given below:

(i) Rs. 5.00 crore on 29.3.1993

(ii) Rs. 25.01 crore on 31.3.1995

(iii) Rs 40.00 crore on 29.8.1997

(c) No allocation for the Foundation was made in 2002-03, as the scheme had been weeded out by the Planning Commission.

(d) A sum of Rs. 30.00 crore has been earmarked for the Foundation under the Tenth Five Year Plan in order to bring the corpus fund to Rs. 100 crore.

Increasing the unit cost under National Scheme for Scavengers

3981. SHRIM. V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUS TICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the unit cost from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 5,00,000 under National Scheme for Scavengers and their dependents;

(b) if so, how many units have been sanctioned in the revised rates to the States, State-wise; and

(c) how many units hsve been requested by the Government of Kamataka for the year 2001 -2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government of Karnataka had requested for assistance for the liberation of 3861 scavengers during the year 2001-2002.

Setting up of a National Trust for Welfare of Mentally Retarded Persons

3982. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUS TICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a National Trust for the Welfare of persons with mental retardation and other disabilities; and